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Local leaders of the Partido Liberal-Radical Laborista (PLRL) met on 4 October 1953 in the office of the director of the party in Quito, Captain Marco TOLEDO Saenz, located in the old Metropolitano Hotel building. It was decided that the PLRL would join the Socialist and the Communist parties in supporting the candidacy of Juan Isaac LOVATO, Socialist, for mayor of Quito. Present at the session were TOLEDO, Luis F. TORRES, Sergio Policarpio GIRON, Dr. Rene MORENO Andrade, Cesar E. RIVADENEIRA Chevasoc, and Jose CALVO

Santisteven, head of the PLRI newspaper Adalid. The group also discussed information sent from Guayaquil by the head of the party in that city, Joaquin CEVALLOS Menendez, to the effect that the rumored appointments of mayors for Guayaquil and other cities by President VELASCO, rather than selection through the electoral process, might bring about revolutionary disturbances in those

cities.

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Comment. National strength of the PLRL is not known but is believed to be under 1,000.

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